AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An airbag apparatus for a front passenger seat of a vehicle comprising:

a container that has a pair of opposing sides; and

an airbag that is folded and accommodated within the container;

wherein one of the pair of the opposing sides includes a locking part for connecting to a vehicle instrument panel and the other of the pair of opposing sides includes a fixing part for connecting to the instrument panel,

wherein the fixing part includes two members that extend substantially in parallel with each other,

wherein the fixing part is configured to receive a wall section that extends from a rear surface of the instrument panel between the two members,

wherein the wall section includes at least one opening for insertion of one of the two substantially parallel members, and

wherein the wall section includes a leg piece that extends in a direction substantially parallel to the instrument panel and away from the container.

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the two members extend in a direction substantially perpendicular to the pair of opposing sides and away from the container.

3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the locking part is hook shaped.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the two members are connected together to form a clamp for the wall section.

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6. (Previously Presented) A setting structure for an airbag apparatus for a front passenger seat of a vehicle having an instrument panel,

wherein the airbag apparatus comprises:

a container that has a pair of opposing sides; and

an airbag that is folded and accommodated within the container,

wherein the setting structure includes an arrangement wherein each of the opposing sides is connected to a backside of the instrument panel,

wherein one of the opposing sides includes a clamp that has two parallel members that connect to a wall section of the instrument panel, which wall section extends toward the container,

wherein the wall section includes at least one opening for insertion of one of the two parallel members, and

wherein the wall section includes a leg piece that extends in a direction substantially parallel to the instrument panel and away from the container.

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8. (Original) The structure of Claim 6, wherein the leg piece is positioned between the two parallel members.

9. (Previously Presented) The structure of Claim 8, wherein the leg piece is connected to the members by at least one bolt.

10. (Previously Presented) The structure of Claim 6, wherein the other of the opposing sides includes a hook-shaped extension that connects with a downwardly extending portion of the instrument panel.

11. (Currently Amended) An airbag apparatus for a front passenger seat of a vehicle comprising:

a container that has a pair of opposing sides; and

an airbag that is folded and accommodated within the container;

wherein one of the pair of the opposing sides includes a locking part for connecting to a vehicle instrument panel and the other of the pair of opposing sides includes a fixing part for connecting to the instrument panel,

wherein the fixing part includes two substantially parallel, non-coplanar members that extend in a direction substantially parallel to the instrument panel and away from the container,

wherein the fixing part is configured to receive a wall section that extends from a rear surface of the instrument panel between the two ~~members, and~~ members,

wherein the wall section includes at least one opening for insertion of one of the two substantially parallel members, and

wherein the two members are connected together by a fastener to form a clamp for the wall section.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the two members extend in a direction substantially perpendicular to the pair of opposing sides and away from the container.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the locking part is hook shaped.

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15. (Currently Amended) An airbag apparatus for a front passenger seat of a vehicle comprising:

a container that ~~has a~~ has an opposing pair of ~~opposing sides~~ substantially parallel sidewalls; and

an airbag that is folded and accommodated within the container;

wherein one of the pair of the opposing ~~sides~~ sidewalls includes a locking part for connecting to a vehicle instrument panel and the other of the pair of opposing ~~sides~~ sidewalls includes a fixing part for connecting to the instrument panel,

wherein the locking part includes a hook ~~hooked~~-shaped portion that passes through a first wall section that extends from a rear surface of the instrument panel,

wherein the fixing part includes two members that extend substantially in parallel with each other,

wherein the fixing part is configured to receive a second wall section that extends from the rear surface of the instrument panel between the two members,

wherein the second wall section includes a leg piece that extends in a direction substantially parallel to the instrument panel and away from the container.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the hook shaped portion of the locking part comprises two sidewalls and a bottom wall~~, and wherein one of the sidewalls is part of the opposing side that includes the locking part~~.

17. (Currently Amended) An airbag apparatus for a front passenger seat of a vehicle comprising:

a container that ~~has a~~ has an opposing pair of ~~opposing sides~~ substantially parallel sidewalls; and

an airbag that is folded and accommodated within the container;

wherein one of the pair of the opposing ~~sides~~ sidewalls includes a hook shaped locking part configured to pass through and connect to a vehicle instrument panel and the other of the pair of opposing ~~sides~~ sidewalls includes a fixing part for connecting to the instrument panel,

wherein the fixing part includes two substantially parallel, non-coplanar members that extend in a direction substantially parallel to the instrument panel and away from the container, and

wherein the fixing part is configured to receive a wall section that extends from a rear surface of the instrument panel between the two ~~members~~ members.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the hook shaped portion of the locking part comprises two sidewalls and a bottom wall~~, and wherein one of the sidewalls is part of the opposing side that includes the locking part~~.